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MAKING SOME SERIOUS DOUGH - Katrina Burns, a Didsbury resident, works on a treat during a no-bake cooking class hosted by the Olds Municipal Library on Feb. 2.

Progress being made with STARS issues

BY KEVIN VINK

Review Staff

The issues regarding the lack of a usable helipad at the Didsbury hospital may have been resolved, according to town officials.

After talks with AHS representatives, Mayor Brian Wittal found that the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church parking lot can be used indefinitely for emergency landings by STARS Air Ambulance – at least, until AHS installs a new helipad at the hospital.

"My understanding is that because it's not what they consider a built-up area, they can continue to utilize it," said Wittal.

At this time, until other arrangements are made, he noted that fire crews are required to cordon off the area in order for STARS to land.

'Another option is to see if we can get a piece of land in that area, where we can put a fence around it and put lights on it," he added. "Or the other things is, for as often as we use it - which is maybe once a month - do we just continue to rely on our fire per it off?" onnel to go out there and cordon

He noted this option would guarantee that STARS can use it any time.

"Whereas right now, you have the risk of something going on at the church and they can't land, so then they're going to plan B, which is the airport."

Clem Kuelker, past-chair of the Rosebud Health Foundation, said that the organization has not yet made a decision whether or not to keep raising funds for the heli-

We can only make that decision after e find out whether the (Zion Evangelical Missionary Church) will actually let their parking lot be used for any length of time -it's got to go to their board," said Kuelker. He noted that there are some implica-

tions and liability issues that need to be ironed out before an educated decision

can be made by anybody involved.
"The issue is if the helipad is going to be built by public funds, it's going to take 10 or more years," he said. It is sometimes difficult for the helicop-

ter to land that far away from the hospital, he said, but another issue is that the helicopter may sometimes drop off equipment and personnel and stay grounded in one spot until the patient is stabilized, and the equipment brought back to the helicopter.

He noted that during the emergency landing on Tuesday, Feb. 5, the helicopter sat there for two hours until the personnel it had dropped off had finished their work.

"And in the meantime they have to use the Didsbury Fire Department to direct traffic and there's a cost attached to that. So we've got to make sure that all these bases are covered..."

Cam Heke, a spokesperson for STARS, said until a permanent helipad is installed at the hospital, they are able to land at the church unless the parking lot is relatively full, because the air ambulance deals mostly with emergency calls.

"As far as right now, we haven't had any issues," said Heke.

"When we get a request to go to Didsbury, we do a call-out to the pastor of the church and we've consistently been given permission to land there. There's never been an issue and we don't see any

issues going forward."

He added that the church parking lot is definitely a preferred option because of its location and open space

That said, certainly if it were a Sunday morning and church was in session, that area might be not available. But in the past, we haven't had any issues, and the communication with the pastor has been excellent - he's been very helpful in allowing us to land there," he said.

In the worst-case scenario, he confirmed

that the airport would be the second option for STARS.

"If needed, yes, we would land at the airport, and that would involve then moving a patient by ground ambulance to get the patients to STARS (or to the hospital)," he

"Our focus is always trying to get the best care to that patient and moving them as quickly as possible, and the closer we can be to the hospital, certainly that is the better option.

He added that STARS is grateful for the support of Didsbury and the surrounding

"We do get strong (fundraising) support from Didsbury and surrounding areas, so thank you to all those who continue to support STARS and allow us to fly out to the community to help people.





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Town fire department looking to fill

BY KEVIN VINK Review Staff

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recruiting to fill vacancies, said Nicole Aasen, manager of community services

"The DFD is a complete-ly volunteer department comprised of 30-plus mem bers who provide a variety

of services to Didsbury and surrounding areas including fire suppression, assist with medical calls, responding to motor vehi-cle accidents and providing mutual aid to surrounding communities," said Aasen.

Other than responding to calls, she noted that members are also expected to participate in training s sions at the fire hall on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The DFD runs an inhouse training program that provides all new recruits with the training necessary to become firefighters, she said, noting that training programs are held at various times throughout the year

Mayor Brian Wittal said that since town employees have been encouraged to join, he has seen a few employees join the DFD.

'It certainly has encouraged them," said Wittal. We have some new young fellas working for the town now in public works and the arenas.

know there are some of them that are showing some interest in that. That's really what (the because unfortunately in today's environment, a lot of our members are individuals who live here but work outside the commu-

He noted that the hardest time of day to cover for fire calls and medical assists is during the day, and that having town employees who work in and around town would definitely help with that.

Derek Sutherland, protective services coordina-tor for the town said becoming a member of the

ence for those that join.

The fire department offers the opportunity to serve the community in a different and substantial way. It is a service club with a little bit of excitement and a very real sense accomplishment," Sutherland. "Make friends. help your neighbours and make a difference in your community."

Aasen noted that those interested in becoming firefighters should be at least 18 years of age, both physically and mentally fit, to calls both day and night.

No previous training is required, but a current first aid and CPR certificate is a definite asset, she said.

Application forms are available at the Didsbury Fire Hall on Wednesday evenings, at the Didsbury town office and online at (www.didsbury.ca/town/di dsburyfiredepartment).

For more information on becoming a firefighter, Recruitment Officer Curtis Mousseau is available at 403-335-9402, she added.



IMPROMPTU LANDING - Didsbury Firefighters look on in the ZEMC parking lot as STARS air ambulance unloads flight medics and medical equipment destined for the hospital.



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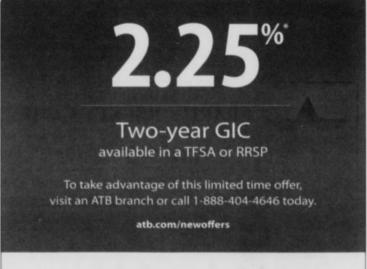
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Recreational vehicle rules finalized by council

BY KEVIN VINK Review Staff

Town council passed the Community Standards Bylaw (CSB) at the council Standards meeting on Jan. 22.

The new bylaw combines some older bylaws into one comprehensive document, according to Derek Sutherland, community Sutherland, community peace officer for the Town of Didsbury.

One contentious issue was the rules surrounding recreational vehicle (RV) parking, he said.

"We've limited people's ability, essentially, to park them on their front lawns," said Sutherland. "We've just restricted parking in the front yard of a residential property.

The limitation is that RVs must be parked on a hard surface pad, which is defined in the bylaw as a gravel, asphalt or concrete pad, he noted.

"So essentially if people want to park it on their grass, they won't be allowed - in a residential area," he said.

After much controversy surrounding the issue, town officials surveyed residents and the results came

in overwhelming favour of restricting park

ing in front yards, he noted. Sutherland added that the bylaw does not restrict parking in backyards at all, just front yards.

The other limitation is that nobody can reside an RV on their property for more than 30 days in a cal-endar year," he said.

Other bylaws that were combined into the CSB are related to unsightly premissnow shovelling, offhighway vehicles, and noise regulations, he noted. and

The reason that council decided to put together the CSB was to create a single. comprehensive document that both residents and law enforcement can refer to,

Community standards bylaws are a common trend throughout Canada,

One of the problems with the previous bylaws was that they were all in different documents, making it difficult for both residents and police to refer to, he

"It becomes cumbersome to those who are not familiar with it, so it's to make it easier for the residents to become aware of the bylaws. It also makes it easier for people who don't enforce those bylaws every day... to reference bylaws." He said now, if the RCMP

anted to enforce a noise bylaw violation, they can just pull up the community standards bylaw, rather than searching through a plethora of other docu-ments to find the right one.

"And we've converted a lot of the terminology from 'legalese' into plain language, and that's also an emerging trend in bylaw writing - plain language. So again it makes it easier for the residents to under-stand."

For those interested in reading the new CSB, it is listed online at (www.didsbury.ca), and can be loaded by clicking on 'Bylaws and Policies', under the 'Town Council' tab.





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Editorial

Provincewide solution needed for smoking concerns

While a recent move by Red Deer municipal councillors to ban tobacco smoking in some outdoor areas where children have access is good



news for residents of that city, the vast majority of Alberta young people remain unprotected by similar legislation. And that is something the Redford government should be taking a leadership role in correcting – although judging by past experience when it comes to public tobacco use, no one should be holding their breath waiting for the PCs to act.

Red Deer, Edmonton and Grande Prairie have now banned smoking in play-grounds and on sports fields in an effort to protect young people from the dangers of second-hand smoke. The move is also aimed at dissuading young people from taking up the tobacco habit.

Not surprisingly, the Canadian Cancer Society has come out in support of the recent Red Deer move, saying it will provide long-term protection for young people and other residents.

"Alberta's youth smoking rate is disturbingly high – young people are still choosing to smoke despite universal knowledge about the dangers of tobacco use," says Sarah Hawkins, Public Policy Analyst for the Canadian Cancer Society.

"Smoke-free policies such as this will reinforce efforts to curb youth smoking and encourage adults to act as healthy role models around kids."

While Red Deer city councillors should be applauded for taking this proactive step in protecting children, Tory MLAs should be given no such praise. Premier Ralph Klein and Premier Ed Stemach were both very slow to move forward with policies to protect Albertans from the dangers of second-hand smoke. In fact, by the time the Tories instituted no-smoking rules for indoor public spaces, many other provinces had had similar regulations in place for years.

With the Redford PCs having so far failed to take any concrete steps to protect young people from the dangers of someone else's outdoor smoking habits, municipal councils such as those in Red Deer and Edmonton have taken it upon themselves to act.

Other municipalities, including Calgary and Medicine Hat, are currently considering putting in similar rules and regulations to protect children from tobacco dangers, and West Central Alberta councils should be encouraged to do the same.

"It takes an entire community to help prevent future generations from developing tobacco addictions and, ultimately, to save lives," says Hawkins. "Alberta's municipal leaders are catching on to this fact and are stepping up to the plate to do their part."

Isn't it too bad, especially for Alberta youngsters, that the Redford Tories continue to strike out on this very important public health-care issue?

Opinion



Commentary

Canada's organic free-for-all

You're reaching for a bag of apples at the grocery store and you notice a smaller bag at more than double the price labeled "Canada Organic." Should you pay more for less in the interests of feeding your family purer, more nutritious food?

Try to imagine being the only team at the Olympics that doesn't have to

at the Olympics that doesn't have to have its athletes tested for performance-enhancing drugs. Sound absurd? Welcome to the Canadian organic sector.

Canada is the only G20 nation that fails to include testing in its organic regulations. Testing is only mentioned once, in passing, in the preamble, where it is stipulated that Canada's organic standard "does not purport to address all the safety

aspects associated with its use." This thereby absolves the CFIA of any culpability should someone try to test organic product only to have a test tube blow up in his face.

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Not that anyone will ever bother doing so mind you, given that the rest of this regulation relies completely on record-keeping and record-checking

You know, the same system that failed to keep Bernie Madoff in check

The American standard is clear on organic testing. If pesticide residues are found, the certifying agent "must promptly report such data." And if levels "are greater than 5 percent of the Environmental Protection Agency's tolerance for the specific

residue detected," then the product in question is rejected. In other words, American organic food must be at least 95 percent more pure than conventional food.

And still, Canadian officials are managing to sign agreements with American officials to have Canadian organic product accepted into the

American market based only on paperwork. Same with Europe.

The most recent of these agreements is with Switzerland. It throws the gates of organic free-trade wide open in spite of the fact that the Swiss require field testing and we don't. How could the antiseptically efficient Swiss have missed the fact that our authorities rely only on paperwork?

What's more, the Swiss stipulate that "There should be no detectable residues of [chemically-synthesized crop protection products] on the organic produce," while the Canadian standard goes out of its way to avoid making any such declaration, averring that "this standard cannot assure that organic products are entirely free of residues of prohibited substances and other contaminants."

Still wondering if you should by the smaller bag of apples?

Certainly we can accept that organic products can never be "entirely free of residues." But why doesn't the CFIA mirror the American standard which guarantees a sizable and quantifiable reduction in prohibited substances of 95 percent or more? Our trading partners all take steps to prevent fraud in their organic sectors. Canada by contrast invites it. And since we allow any farmer, processor, broker-trader, or certifying agency located anywhere in the world to become certified under our organic standard, we now stand poised to act as the back-door to the world's most lucrative markets for organic food.

Foreign businesses already provide the lion's share of the product being certified by the CFIA as "Canada Organic." With these trade agreements in place, businesses that supply the Swiss, EU and American markets can now become certified under Canada's standard and thereby avoid being subjected to a test to prove their organic integrity. And for some strange reason no one sees a problem with this.

Surely someone should ask Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz about this. Whatever his response, watch as "organic" businesses the world over win gold by using and abusing Canada's bureaucratic organic standard

So please, put down that small bag and buy the regular apples. They're not only cheaper and every bit as pure and nutritious, but there's actually a better chance they're Canadian!

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Council paying for previously unpaid positions

Review Staff

Council recently agreed to start paying members sit on quasi-judicial boards on behalf of the municipality.

At the council meeting on Jan. 22, council passed the pay structure for those sit on both the Municipal Planning Committee and the Subdivision and Development Appeals Board.

Brian Wittal Mayor explained the reason council decided to pay those members is because of the nature of the work they do the knowledge required to do it.

The big things with those is they are quasi-judi-cial boards," said Wittal. "They are making decisions for our community based on rules and regulations, et cetera.

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"Somebody may come in with an appeal on something and if they rule on it, that's final, based on the information that's there. It could definitely have an impact, positive or negative for these individuals who are appealing or for the municipality."

Because the quasi-judi-cial boards have this responsibility, council wants to be able to attract the right individuals with the right experience and knowledge, while often these individuals lead busy

incentive to give their time on these boards, he noted.

"It's not simple, you get an appeal and there's a lot of information that you have to be reviewing and going through because then, based on bylaws, policies and legislation, you have to be able to differentiate between those things."

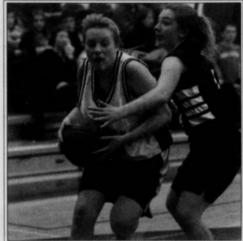
So council passed a motion to begin paying members of quasi-judicial boards \$25 per hour, up to a maximum of four hours, according to town policy

Wittal said that though this may not cover the

individuals' time, it does provide some incentive.

"If you provide them with a stipend or honorarium to offset that time, they are more likely to sit on your boards for you. It's only fair that you compensate them for their time," he said.

I think that what it does is help to establish a commitment to that board for those individuals to ensure that they are doing a good job, and there's no better incentive, unfortunately. That's the world we live in, so we have to look at that and recognize that," he



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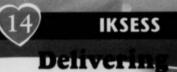
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COMMUNIA

Around Town with the Didsbury Library

February 13, 20 and 27

Rotary club of Disbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served – supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402 335-4739 for more info.

February 13

Pot Luck at the 5-0 Club. 2500 15 Avenue, Wednesday, February 13. Members and Guests and your special Valentine are welcome. Share your favourite dish. Cist is \$3.00 per person. Dinner at 12:30 pm. Come out and

February 14

Didsbury District Health Services Auxiliary Valentine fea at 2 pm in the Unit 3 dining Room. Bake sale, Craft Sale, White Elephant Table and Door Prize!

February 14

Free Lattes for Library Lovers (and lollipops for little library lovers). Celebrate Library Lovers Month on Valentine's Day at your library. We love our library patrons and want to show our appreciation.

February 21 and 22

Cyber Camp @ the Library. Programs for 6 to 12 year olds on Internet Safety and computer skills. Younger children come in the mornings and older in the afternoon on Thursday and Friday. No fee, but you MUST preregister as space is limited.

February 22

Join us for the Melvin Hall Society's Country & Western Dance to be held at Melvin Hall 13km West of Didsbury on Highway 582 on Friday, February 22. Music by Sundowners. 8pm till 11pm, \$10.00 per person. For more information call Emily at 403 335 3896

February 23 & 24

Train Show-Members of our Train Club will be at the Olds Model Train and Hobby Show scheduled for February 23 & 24, 2013. Our model train, upstairs in the Museum, continues to develop into quite a display. If you would like to know more about the train display, or work on it with the Train Club Members please call Rick Astle, 403-556-8121 for information.

February 27

Coffee & Conversation will be held at the Didsbury Museum on Wednesday, February 27 from 1 - 3:30 pm.
Our guests will be Constable Bigras from the RCMP and
his dog Cola. He will be sharing his knowledge about
training of RCMP Dogs and the role they play in protecting
our communities. Everyone is welcome to come explore the Museum, enjoy a cup of coffee and goodies and chat with friends

ote your events in this column. Send info to <u>didsburylibrary@libs.prl.ab.ca</u> or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

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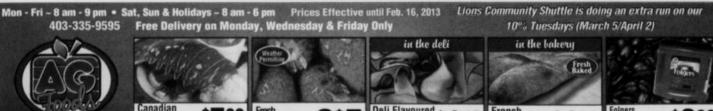
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Rural B&E

Numerous buildings and shops were burgled on a rural property we of Didsbury on Jan. 25, according to police.

A resident found that numerous things had gone missing between 1

p.m. and 3:30 p.m., said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson. Items reported stolen include a 2009 Yamaha Grizzly ATV with camouflage patterns and chrome wheels, he said, noting that the licence plate is JD817.

Some other items that were stolen include a Honda EZ 2500C generator, a Wacker brand generator, and an Axminster log splitter model LS5T52, he said.

A slip tank, a toolbox, and some other items were also reported stolen, he added, noting that the case is still under investigation.

Hit and run

A black 2008 Hyundai Accent was hit on 23 Street in the middle of the night on Feb.6, according to police.

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The car sustained dam-

age to the driver's side, noted Jacobson, adding that the matter is still under investigation

Dump truck theft

Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK

A dump truck was stolen from one of the businesses on the outskirts of Didsbury along Highway 2A on Jan. 31, said Jacobson.

"One of the yards had been entered and there was a theft of a dump truck," he said. " A 1989 Kenworth Construct, grey in colour."

Jacobson said that the thieves drove through the gate that led into the yard where the truck had been stored. The theft occurred sometime between 8 p.m. and the following morning at 7:30 a.m., he added.

"We still have not located that vehicle and we're certainly seeking any witnesses who might have observed a dump truck out and about," he said.



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(NC)—A lifetime dedicated to your career has finally paid off in precious retirement years. You've worked hard, and you deserve to enjoy your future. But while retirement is often referred to as the golden years, living on a fixed income can be stressful and requires some smart financial planning. Here are a few ways that seniors can stretch their retirement dollars by saving money at tax time

· Public transit saves money that you might have otherwise spent on rising gas prices, parking, and car mainte-nance. Not only do seniors typically pay less for public transit, but the cost of transit passes can be claimed on your tax return.

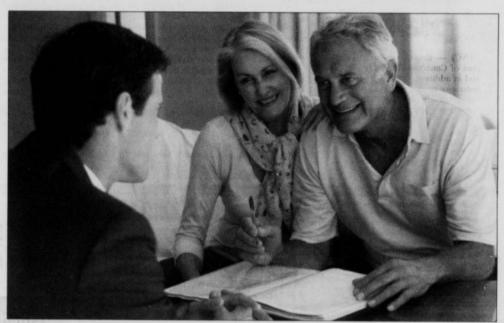
 You may be able to split your eligible pension income with your spouse or common-law partner, allocating up to 50% of your pension to him or her, to lower your taxes.

 If you or your spouse or common-law partner has a severe and prolonged impairment in physical or mental functions and meets certain conditions, you might be eli-gible for the disability tax credit.

 If you care for a spouse or other family member who has a physical or mental illness that makes them dependent on you for care, the new family caregiver amount could save you money.

 If you receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement or Allowance benefits under the Old Age Security program, you can usually renew your benefit simply by filing your return by April 30. If you choose not to file a return, you will have to complete a renewal form. This form is avail-

Applying for the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit helps to offset all or part of the GST or HST that you pay.



Other helpful tax-time information for seniors can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency website at www.cra.gc.ca/seniors. To make it easy on yourself this

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End of life planning

(NC) - Recent research shows that only 9 per cent of Canadians have pre-planned their funeral and in addition, over 65 per cent of us do not have insurance to cover those costs. Here are some tips for end-of-life planning to give you and your family more peace-of-mind:

Sit down and have a discussion with your fam-

As hard as it may be to discuss, death is inevitable. Sit down with your family and consider your options and preferences. Putting this off will only leave these hard decisions to your family in a time of need.

Ensure you have the funds

Planning ahead for funeral costs can save family members significant financial stress when dealing with a loved one's passing. Do some research and find out what funerals typically cost and compare this with your expectations. Budgeting ahead of time ensures that your family members are not left with a huge bill during a time of grieving.

Make sure you have adequate life insurance Life insurance is a good first step for planning ahead and saving money, but only one-third of indi-viduals have insurance to cover the cost of their funeral. In addition to funds, some packages even offer 24 hour funeral planning and concierges service, which can offer significant support to your family in a time of need.

Develop a knockout business plan

Attempting to operate a business without well-structured busines plan is like jumping out of a without a proper plane parachute. You're just tak-ing a gamble and hoping positive results However, when it comes to starting a business, having a robust plan is vital.

There is an overwhelmamount of material available and it can be challenging for young entrepre neurs know where to look for information.

With this in mind, a new online Business Resource Centre with multimedia tools, educational videos and a Business Plan Writer is available free of charge www.cybf.ca/resources to help aspiring entrepreneurs on their path to suc-Designed to simplify the planning process, this interactive tool for writing business plans allows users to customize their plan and offers tips and examples along the way.
"We want to encourage

people to start a business," says Dominik Loncar, an Entrepreneur-in-Residence with the Canadian Youth Business Foundation. "We believe this new resource will be of great benefit to entrepreneurs, helping them to minimize the risks typically associated with starting a business, and allow them to be more knowledgeable and effec-

The Canadian Youth Business Foundation offers the following tips to

anyone who is considering developing a business plan: Solid foundations are

stronger · A business plan is

essential. It allows you to clearly outline the details of your business and the direction you wish to take. • It serves to guide you along your entire path to

success from concept to start-up to expansion. · Taking time to carefully

plan helps you budget appropriately and identify potential risks that you otherwise

Details interest funders

· In order for investors to take a risk on your business, they typically require a well thought-out and credible plan.

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